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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Ten Men Given Sentence In State Penitentiary For Killing Rowland Vittatoe.

The ten men charged with the killing of Rowland Vittatoe were tried at a special term of Criminal Court held at Cookeville November 12 to 19.

The jury returned a verdict of "guilty of involuntary manslaughter," as to all ten of the defendants.

A motion for a new trial for all the defendants was overruled by Judge Gardenhire, and an indefinite sentence of from one to five years in the state penitentiary was given to each of them. The case goes to the Supreme Court, sixty days having been allowed by the court in which to prepare a bill of exceptions.

The defendants who were tried and convicted of involuntary manslaughter are: George Mills, Comer McBroom, Sid McBroom, Arlis Flatt, Carlis Flatt, Lum Bryant, Charles Bryant, John Bailey Flatt, Hop McBroom and Rucious Whitaker. The defendants all executed new bonds in penalty of \$2,000 each.

Six of the defendants are married men, and all of them are residents of the Allen's Chapel community of the Tenth Civil District, Putnam county, which adjoins the Fifth Civil District of Jackson county. Most of them were reared and have lived all their lives in that immediate vicinity. All them are farmers.

Hop McBroom, one of the defendants, is a prominent farmer, and has a wife and ten children. He is an active member of the Allen's Chapel Baptist Church.

Charles Bryant, another defendant, is well known throughout that section as a teacher of vocal music. At the time of the tragedy he was conducting a singing at Allen's Chapel, which is near his home. He has a wife and several children, and is an active member of Allen's Chapel Baptist Church.

Five of the defendants, Hop McBroom, Lum Bryant, Charles Bryant, Rucious Whitaker and John Bailey Flatt, took the witness stand and emphatically denied any knowledge of, or connection with the killing.

The remaining five defendants on trial, Comer McBroom, Sid McBroom, Arlis Flatt, Carlis Flatt and George Mills, did not testify in the trial, but they all entered pleas of not guilty.

There are two other defendants, Floyd Thomas and Robert Stout, but a severance of their cases was granted and they were not on trial. These two defendants were introduced as witnesses by the prosecution.

It was charged by the prosecution that on the night of August 21, Rowland Vittatoe and several other young men from the Fifth District of this county, while riding horseback along the public road to their homes from Allen's Chapel, where they had attended a singing, were "rocked" and fired upon a number of persons who were secreted on the hillside near the road, and that a pistol shot fired by someone from the opposite side of the road inflicted a mortal wound on Rowland Vittatoe, which caused his death at three o'clock the following morning.

The killing of Young Vittatoe was deeply deplored by the entire citizenship of his section. He was a model young man and an earnest Christian, taking an

active part in all religious services of the church of which he was member. A short time before his death he told the boys that were with him, that it was best he was shot instead of either of them, as he was prepared to die. He also prayed for the one that shot him, asking God to forgive him, thus showing the true Christ spirit. He was 22 years of age, and the son of James Vittatoe, one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers of the Fifth District, this county.

The lawyers representing the defendants were: Attorney-General J. R. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney-General B. C. Butler, W. F. Clouse, O. K. Holladay and D. B. Johnson.

The lawyers representing the defendants were: John J. Gore, E. H. Boyd, B. G. Adcock and Worth Bryant.

Total Votes Cast In November Election.

Official returns of the November election show that in 91 of the 96 counties Albert H. Roberts Democratic nominee for governor, led the ticket with 92,538 votes. Lindsay, the Republican nominee, received 51,944 votes, making Judge Roberts' majority in the 96 counties 40,594.

John K. Shields for United States Senator received in the 91 counties 91,971 votes to 52,666 votes received by H. Clay Evans the Republican nominee, a majority for Senator Shields of 39,305 votes.

Harvey H. Hannah for railroad commissioner received in the 91 counties 87,808 votes, against 52,026 votes received by Taylor, the Republican nominee, a majority of 35,782.

One hundred and forty-four thousand, six hundred and thirty-seven votes were polled in the senatorial race, 114,482 votes in the contest for governor, and 140,334 for railroad commissioner.

The five counties which have not reported are, Knox, Cocke and Carroll, Republican, and Lawrence and Henry Democratic.

Christmas Packages For All Soldiers Overseas.

In order to insure the receipt of a Christmas parcel by every single man in the American Expeditionary Forces, the War Department has extended the time of mailing for overseas packages until November 30th, and has authorized the American Red Cross to have printed sufficient additional Christmas labels exactly similar to those received from abroad to issue to those families who have not received the labels which were distributed to the men abroad. In many cases these labels have been lost in transit and the new ruling provides that the nearest relative of each man in the A. E. F. may obtain from the Red Cross Chapter a duplicate label, provided the original did not arrive by November 21st.

Applicants for these duplicate labels should make a written statement to the effect that he or she is the nearest living relative in the United States of the man to whom the package is to be sent, that he or she has not received a label from abroad, that should such a label be received, it would not be used, and

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE LOOK TO AMERICA FOR FOOD.

Our Duty and Privilege to Furnish The War Stricken Nations of Europe With Food For Another Year.

To discharge our obligation to our Allies who have given and suffered and bled and died for us, we must save and raise more food during the coming year than we have ever done before.

To impress these facts more forcibly upon our mind Herbert Hoover issues the following message to the American people:

Again in full confidence, I call upon the American people to set aside Sunday, December 1st, and the week following, for the consideration of America's opportunity for renewed service and sacrifice.

Last summer, when the military situation was acute, we assured the Inter-Allied Food Conference in London, that whatever the war-food program of the Allies required we were prepared to meet; that the Conference need not consider whether or not we had the supplies, — we were prepared to find them; we pledged ourselves, by the voluntary economy of our people, to have the reserves in food to supply all necessities. The ending of the War does not release us from the pledge. The same populations must be fed, and until another season has passed they cannot feed themselves.

The change in the foreign situation necessarily alters the details of our food program, because the freeing of the seas from the submarine menace renders accessible the wheat supplies of India, Australia and the Argentine. The total food demand upon the United States is not diminish, however. On the contrary, it is increased. In addition to the supplying of those of those to whom we are already pledged, we now have the splendid opportunity and obligation of meeting the needs of those millions of people in the hitherto occupied territories who are facing actual starvation. The people of Belgium, Northern France, Serbia, Roumania, Montenegro, Poland, Russia and Armenia rely upon America for immediate aid. We must also participate in the preservation of the newly liberated nations in Austria; nor can we ignore the effect on the future world developments of a famine condition among those other people whom we have recently released from our enemies. All these considerations mean that upwards of 200 millions people, in addition to those we are already pledged to serve, are now looking to us in their misery and famine. Our appeal is therefore larger than the former appeal to the "war conscience," which must be the guiding inspiration of our future program.

The President of the United States has asked me to take charge for this government, this work; to permit and enlarge the arrangements for foodstuffs to the population of Belgium and France now being released and to organize and determine the need of provision to the liberated peoples of Southern Europe to prevent such debacle as has taken place in Russia.

The determining factor for the success of such an enlarged appeal will be the vivid consciousness in every individual in each community of obligation and opportunity. It is that common recognition of obligation, that we now wish to create. Such an intelligent "world conscience" in the American people must be the main dependence of the stricken countries of the world until normal conditions are once more restored.

American by her participation in the War has accomplished her objectives of self-defense and of vindicating the efficiency of a government in which the people, and the people only, are sovereign. She has established the foundations of government by the people throughout the enemy countries, and this is the real bulwark of world peace. We have yet to build on these foundations. No government nor nation can stand if its people are starving. We must do our part if the world be not consumed in a flame of anarchy.

The American people, in this most critical period of their history, have the opportunity to demonstrate not only their ability to assist in establishing peace on earth, but also their consecration, by self-denial, to the cause of suffering humanity.

HERBERT HOOVER.

that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, only one package will be sent to the proposed recipient.

This extension of time limit and the issuing of duplicate labels, absolutely insures a Christmas package to every man in the service in Europe.

First Troops From Overseas To Arrive This Week.

The first troops from overseas will arrive in the United States by the end of this week, Gen. March announced yesterday. The troops belong to units now in England. The movement of United States forces will be continued steadily until all now in England have returned.

American Soldier Captures Rooster and Hun.

An American private spied a rooster while he was prowling around a farmhouse in No Man's Land just after the Americans had captured Very. Being hungry, and having an appetite for roast chicken, this American private decided to crawl up on the rooster and trap him in the building.

The American was about to lay his hands on the astonished rooster when a German entered the rear door of building bent on the same mission. Both

were so surprised that they stood for a moment and glared at each other, then the American motioned for the German to do a right flank on the prey they were after and both closed in on him.

The rooster was captured by the American, who later returned to the American lines with both rooster and German in tow.

Later, at the regimental P.C., the roasted the chicken for his captor, who shared it with him. —Stars and Stripes.

No mention is made who this soldier was, but we wager it was a Jackson county boy.

War Saving Stamp Pledges Must Be Redeemed.

I am being asked several times a day the following questions:

Now that the war is over, will the government expect us to redeem our War Savings Pledge?

Yes, of course. We have at present, practically four million men in arms, some in this country and some over seas. It will require at least a year, to demobilize this army. During all this time, they must be clothed and fed, their families must be clothed and fed also. Our expenses, although greatly curtailed, will have to continue for quite a while, it will require billions of dollars to do all this. It will be necessary for the government to have every War Savings Pledge redeemed, and in addition, float at least one more Liberty Loan.

We only have one more month in which to redeem these Pledges.

Let every one see that not only his pledge is redeemed, but that his neighbor's pledge is redeemed also. It is our patriotic duty to see that this is done.

December 11th, has been designated as War Savings Day, to redeem all delinquent pledges. All can't buy on that day, but a great many can buy before that time.

December 16th, we are requested to check up all cards in hands of selling agents and make a report, but cards will not be forwarded until after December 31st.

B. L. Quarles, County Chairman War Savings.

Complexion of Sixty-first General Assembly.

The next or sixty-first General Assembly will be composed of 97 Democrats and 35 Republicans, while two years ago the Legislative body was made up of 99 Democrats and 33 Republicans. The Democrats lost a State Senator and two representatives, which accounts for the decreased Democratic membership this year.

The State Senate will consist of 26 Democrats and 7 Republicans, while two years ago it stood Democrats 27 Republicans 6. Hamilton County Democrats lost their Senatorial nominee in a close race.

The 99 members of the House of Representatives this year will be divided, 71 Democrats and 28 Republicans. There will be 54 Democrats direct representatives, while the Republicans have 18 direct representatives. Of the floaters or joint representatives, 17 will be Democrats and 10 Republicans.

Military Experts Show That Seven Million Men Were Killed in World War.

Washington, Nov. 21. Special: When the final count of the number of men killed in the world war is made, military experts in Washington predicted to-day it will run between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000. This estimate is based on the official announcement in the British Parliament that 650,000 soldiers of the British Empire fell in battle, and on the statement of the Berlin Vorwaerts that German losses in killed are 1,580,000. Using these figures as a guide, together with other information they have received, the losses in men killed are by countries as follows:

Great Britain, 650,000; Germany, 1,580,000; Austria-Hungary, 1,000,000; Russia, 2,000,000; France, 800,000; Belgium, 175,000; Italy, 250,000; the Balkan States, including Turkey, 250,000, and the United States in the neighborhood of 20,000.

Russia's great armies, it was pointed out, were simply slaughtered by Von Hindenburg because they were inadequately armed. Reports have been received from creditable newspaper men that thousands and thousands of Russian soldiers went into battle armed with nothing but clubs and stones. Great masses of the former Czar soldiers, it is pointed out, were mowed down like wheat before the German machine guns. Their losses, therefore, are estimated to have been the heaviest suffered by nations taking part in the war. As France stood the brunt of the fighting on the eastern front for the first year and a half of the war, her losses are estimated to be much greater than those of Great Britain in the number of men killed. France also maintained a larger army in the field in France during the first two years of the struggle. The French losses at Verdun were terrific and much greater than those suffered by Germany.

Many well informed army men in Washington are of the opinion that the German losses in men killed will exceed 1,500,000. They are of the opinion that they will reach at least 2,000,000 if not more, in other words, they insist Germany could not have inflicted such terrible losses in men killed upon the Allies without suffering losses almost as great. There are a number of estimates that place the losses of the Central Powers over 3,000,000.

There are practically no figures on which estimate of the total number of casualties can be placed with any degree of accuracy. The best opinion in Washington to night is that the grand total of killed and wounded will run between 26,000,000 and 30,000,000.

Government officials declare such enormous losses in men killed, together with the number permanently maimed, will seriously cripple the productive powers of the European nations for more than a generation. The only way, it is pointed out, that the European nations can hope to restore their normal industrial production is by the widespread employment of women in many hard and laborious positions. This they say, may seriously affect the future of the race.